

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 remain pending in the application, claim 4 being canceled herein.

Allowable Claim 4

In the Office Action, claim 4 was objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 4 is amended into the base claim 3, with claim 4 being canceled, technically mooted the instant rejection, and rendering claim 3 allowable. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn, and that claim 3 be allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 over Lee in view of Isaksson

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,341,140 to Lee et al. ("Lee") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,652,772 to Isaksson et al. ("Isaksson"). The Applicants respectfully avoid the rejection.


The subject matter of allowable claim 4 is amended into the independent claims subject to this rejection. In particular, the allowable language from claim 4 is amended into independent claims 1, 3, 7 and 10.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 herein being amended to now contain subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 and 5-12 are allowable for all the same reasons that claim 4 was allowable. Claims 1-3 and 5-12 being patentable, it is respectfully requested that the rejection now be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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